

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Meisner** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltrown, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Knollenberg (13/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Dean, Simpson, Rick Jones, Meltzer (6/19)

A presentation on Junior Achievement was given by **Karen Kosniewski**, representing Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, and **Mark Pankner**, representing Junior Achievement of Northeast Michigan. Written testimony was also submitted by Ms. Kosniewski and Mr. Pankner.

Questions and discussion followed.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4559** before the committee.

HB 4559   Meisner	Higher education; tuition; state funding for entrepreneurial learning; provide for.
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**Chair Meisner** explained the intent of the bill.

**Tom Martin**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified in **support** of the **concept** of the bill and answered questions.

**Joseph Butkovich**, representing Automation Alley, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The **Chair** announced that he would ask for a motion to report the bill at the next meeting. He also announced that from this time forward, he will schedule two meetings for bills laid before the committee; specifically, hearing testimony during the first meeting and voting at a subsequent meeting.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 13, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Byrum, Dean, Simpson, Rick Jones, and Meltzer**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:55 a.m.**

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**Representative Andy Meisner, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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